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Dear Paul:

You may recall that I mentioned at the last Bureau Chiefs Conference our intention to make the analysts' foreign TDY's more meaningful and useful than simply familiarization junkets, though obviously there is also merit in conventional familiarization for analysts who have never seen bureau operations at first hand.

We are budgeted this year for a first overseas TDY for , who covers Soviet-U.S. relations. With has been spearheading our efforts to integrate into media analysis the valuable audio and video material we're now getting on a timely basis from Soviet television. The Vremya and other TV materials have been highly productive for us in analyzing Moscow's treatment of foreign issues, and we think it will be more productive as we gain more information and experience.

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proposal for a working TDY is attached. I endorse the objectives--worked out with and discussed with Ops--but would not want to move ahead without first getting your reaction in view of the resource implications for the Bureau. The study proposed would require access to videotapes of all the Vremya and "Today in the World" programs for a week plus at least one videotape daily for the rest of the month. He would also hope to view and study other international affairs programs such as "Studio Nine," "International Panorama," and "Talk on International Topics." He would need to be able to review copies of PRAVDA, IZVESTIYA, and KRASNAYA ZVESDA as well as TASS material on subjects covered in the TV programs, and to look at available summaries of radio. This is an ambitious project, and it may be premature in terms of your ability to support it. If so, perhaps you can suggest a way of scaling it down.

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However we define the TV project, I would very much like to see spend some time at London Bureau this year. I'd like to see him get first-hand exposure to how the television material is monitored and processed. He will continue to be a major user and will continue to be a major contributor to our exchanges with the Bureau on what to process and how. First-hand discussion with the people involved at the Bureau could only benefit both of us, and to the degree that he could develop new information on the potential of the TV material--so much the better.

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Mr. Paul G. Cree, Chief, London Bureau

So I'd appreciate your suggestions both as to time-- could travel in April or most any time thereafter in this fiscal year--and as to the scope of a TDY that would serve our objectives within the limits of your ability to accommodate us.

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Looking forward to seeing you in April.

Best regards, /



Chief, Analysis Group

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